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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : DR. BERISH RUBIN ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 10/050,189  
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FOR : DETECTION OF MUTATIONS IN A GENE ENCODING IKB KINASE  
COMPLEX- ASSOCIATED PROTEIN TO DIAGNOSE FAMILIAL  
DYSAUTONOMIA  
ART UNIT : 1645  
EXAMINER : To Be Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.